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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lunsford, et al.

) Group Art Unit: 3732

Application No.: 10/807,368

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Filing Date: March 22, 2004

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) Examiner: Candice Capri Stokes

For: VESSEL RETRACTION DEVICE
AND METHOD

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in seven (7) pages responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2005 in the above-identified application. Also attached are:

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(X) The claim fee calculation is provided below:

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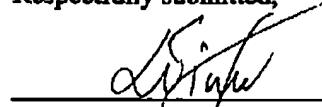
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Minus	(Col. 1) Highest Prev. Paid For		(Col. 2) Present Extra	(Col. 3) Rate		Fee
Total Claims	20	-	20	=	0 x	50	=	\$ 0
Indep Claims	2	-	3	=	0 x	200	=	\$ 0
TOTAL DUE								= \$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 27, 2005

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Responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2005, please make the changes and note the remarks below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.